

**REMARKS**

**Claim Rejections**

Claims 1-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Claims 1-6 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. § 112, as set forth in the outstanding Office Action.

**Drawings**

It is noted that no Patent Drawing Review (Form PTO-948) was received with the outstanding Office Action. Thus, Applicant must assume that the drawings are acceptable as filed.

**New Claims**

By this Amendment, Applicant has canceled claims 1-6 and has added new claims 7-12 to obviate the outstanding rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112. It is believed that new claims 7-12 are commensurate in scope with original claims 1-6. It is believed that new claims 7-12 now specifically set forth each element of Applicant's invention in full compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 112.

Since claims 1-6 have been indicated as being allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. § 112, no detailed discussion of the cited prior art references is believed to be necessary.

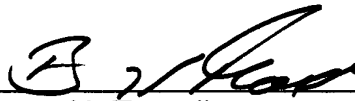
**Summary**

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that this application is now in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. Should any points remain in issue, which the Examiner feels could best be resolved by either a personal or a telephone interview, it is urged that Applicant's local attorney be contacted at the exchange listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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